

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising: a plurality of components including a liquid crystal panel having an array of terminals and a backlight unit disposed at rear side of said liquid crystal panel for irradiating said liquid crystal panel; an external
5 housing for covering at least side surfaces of said components; a circuit board disposed at rear side of said backlight unit; at least one flexible substrate having a line pattern thereon for electrically connecting together said terminals and said circuit board, said flexible substrate having therein a cut-out on at least one of side
10 edges of said flexible substrate; and a protrusion protruding from one of said components toward said external housing while passing said cut-out.
2. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said components further includes an internal housing member, and said protrusion protrudes from said internal housing member.
3. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said components further includes a shield member disposed between said backlight unit and said circuit board, and said protrusion protrudes from said shield member.
4. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said

protrusion protrudes from said backlight unit.

5. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said flexible substrate mounts thereon a driver chip adjacent to said cut-out.

6. The LCD device according to claim 5, wherein said cut-out is of a trapezoid having a top side and a bottom side extending parallel to said one of side edges of said flexible substrate.

7. The LCD device according to claim 6, wherein said cut-out has a circular portion at a position corresponding to an apex of said trapezoid.

8. The LCD device according to claim 5, wherein said cut-out is of a semi-circle.

9. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said external housing has a depression corresponding to said protrusion.

10. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one flexible substrate include a plurality (n) of flexible substrates juxtaposed to one another, and said protrusion has a width larger than a gap between adjacent two of said flexible substrates except
5 at the portion of said cut-out.

11. The LCD device according to claim 1, wherein said protrusion passes a boundary between adjacent said flexible substrates, and at least some of all the boundaries between said adjacent flexible substrates are passed by respective said protrusions.

12. The LCD device according to claim 11, wherein a pair of other protrusions passes outside an area where said plurality of flexible substrates are arranged.

13. The LCD device according to claim 11, wherein a total number of said protrusions and said other protrusions is equal to $(n+1)$.